comprising a first and second layer of different polymeric films, wherein each layer has an upper and lower surface, the upper surface of the first layer is peelably attached to the lower surface of the second layer at a separation interface, provided that when the closure is used to secure an article, at least one portion of the upper surface of the first layer or the lower surface of the second layer is not attached to the article. A container sealed with the directionally peelable closure is also provided. The closure provides a means for providing a strong sealing closure that is directionally peelable requiring little effort. In another aspect, the invention provides a means for using a container more than once.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1.   (Amended) A closure with a directionally peelable opening feature for articles comprising a first and second layer of different polymeric films, wherein each layer has an upper and lower surface and a bonded edge and a non-bonded edge, the upper surface of the first layer is peelably attached to the lower surface of the second layer at a separation interface, provided that when the closure is used to secure an article, at least one portion of the upper surface of the first layer at the non-bonded edge and at least a portion of the lower surface of the second layer at the non-bonded edge is not attached to the article.

3.   (Amended) The closure of claim 1 wherein the separation interface between the first and second layers has a peel strength in the range of about 30 to about 400 grams per 2-inch width at 90° peel.

4.   (Amended) The closure of claim 1 wherein the separation interface between the first and second layers has a peel strength in the range of about 30 to about 400 grams per 1-inch width at 90° peel.

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10.   (Amended) A directionally peelable closure for articles comprising a first and second layer of different polyolefin films, wherein each layer has an upper and lower surface and a bonded edge and a non-bonded edge, the upper surface of the first layer is peelably attached to the lower surface of the second layer at a separation interface and wherein the separation interface between the first and second layers has a peel strength in the range of about 30 to about 400 grams per 1-inch width at 90° peel, provided that when the closure is used to secure an article, at least one portion of the upper surface of the first layer at the non-bonded edge and at least a portion of the lower surface of the second layer at the non-bonded edge is not attached to the article.

15.   (Amended) A container sealed with a directionally peelable closure, comprising an article which is articulated to provide for sealing with a closure and a closure adhered to the article, wherein the closure comprises a first and second layer of different polymeric films, wherein each layer has an upper and lower surface and a bonded edge and a non-bonded edge, the upper surface of the first layer is peelably attached to the lower surface of the second layer at a separation interface, and wherein the closure has at least one portion of the upper surface of the first layer at the non-bonded edge and at least one portion of the lower surface of the second layer at the non-bonded edge which is not adhered to the container, wherein the force of the container contents is applied distant from the bonded edge of the first and second layers along the separation interface.

20.   (Amended) A reuseable directionally sealed container comprising a container with two sealing means and two closures which are directionally peelable, wherein each closure is positioned on the container to contact a sealing means and wherein each closure comprises a first and second layer of different polymeric films, wherein each layer has an upper and lower surface and a bonded and non-bonded edge, the upper surface of the first layer is peelably attached to the lower surface of the second layer at a separation interface, and wherein each closure has at least one

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